

12. The multilayer film of claim 1 wherein said blend has a density from about 0.90 g/cc to about 0.925 g/cc.

14. The multilayer film of claim 1 wherein said polyethylene plastomer has a density of about 0.911 g/cc and said LDPE has a density of about 0.921 g/cc.

18. The multilayer film of claim 1 wherein the oriented PET is coated with a barrier resin.

19. The multilayer film of claim 1 wherein the oriented polypropylene is coated with a barrier resin.

20. The multilayer film of claim 1 wherein the oriented nylon is coated with a barrier resin.

23. A method of making a package comprising:

(1) providing a multilayer film having:

(a) A first layer comprising a poly(ethylene) or a blended poly(ethylene) wherein said first layer poly(ethylene) is selected from poly(ethylenes) having a density from about 0.93 g/cc to about 0.97 g/cc;

(b) A second layer comprising a blend of low density polyethylene and a polyethylene plastomer wherein said second layer has a density range from about 0.89 g/cc to about 0.93 g/cc and wherein said second layer is capable of forming a heat seal; and

(2) laminating said multilayer film structure to another film structure to form a package wherein said other film structure comprises a polymeric material selected from the group consisting of oriented PET, oriented polypropylene, oriented polyethylene, oriented nylon, and coated or uncoated cellophane.

24. A method of making a package comprising: (1) providing a multilayer film having:

(a) A first layer comprising poly(ethylene) or a blended poly(ethylene) wherein said poly(ethylene) has a density range from about 0.93 g/cc to 0.97 g/cc and wherein said first layer may optionally contain a color pigment and/or filler;

(b) A second layer comprising poly(ethylene) or a blended poly(ethylene) wherein said poly(ethylene) has a density range from about 0.93 g/cc to 0.97 g/cc and wherein said second layer may optionally contain a color pigment and/or a filler; and

(c) a third layer comprising poly(ethylene) or a blended poly(ethylene) wherein said poly(ethylene) has a density range from about 0.89 g/cc to 0.93 g/cc and wherein said third layer is capable of forming a heat seal; and

(2) laminating said multilayer film structure to another film structure to form a package wherein said other film structure comprises a polymeric material selected from the group consisting of oriented PET, oriented polypropylene, oriented polyethylene, oriented nylon, and coated or uncoated cellophane.

25. A package for flowable material comprising:

(1) a first multilayer film structure comprising: (a) a first layer comprising poly(ethylene) or a blended poly(ethylene) wherein said poly(ethylene) has a density range from about 0.93 g/cc to 0.97 g/cc and wherein said first layer may optionally contain a color pigment, and/or a filler; (b) a second layer comprising poly(ethylene) or a blended poly(ethylene) wherein said poly(ethylene) has a density range from about 0.93 g/cc to 0.97 g/cc and wherein said second layer may optionally contain a color pigment and/or a filler; and (c) a third layer comprising poly(ethylene) or a blended poly(ethylene) wherein said poly(ethylene) has a density range from about 0.89 g/cc to 0.93 g/cc and wherein said third layer is capable of forming a heat seal; and

(2) at least one other film structure capable of being laminated to said first multilayer film structure wherein said other film structure comprises a polymeric material selected from the group consisting of oriented PET, oriented polypropylene, oriented polyethylene, oriented nylon, and coated or uncoated cellophane.

27. The multilayer film of claim 26 wherein the third layer is disposed between and in contact with the first layer and the second layer.

32. A multilayer film structure comprising:

a first layer comprising a blend of a first poly(ethylene) having a density of about 0.960 g/cc wherein the first poly(ethylene) comprises about 80% of the first film layer, and a colorant;

a second layer comprising a blend of a second poly(ethylene) having a density of about 0.960 g/cc wherein the second poly(ethylene) comprises about 75% of the second film layer, and a colorant; and

a third layer comprising a blend of a third poly(ethylene) having a density of about 0.921 g/cc wherein the third poly(ethylene) comprises about 65% of the third film layer, and a fourth poly(ethylene) having a density of about 0.911 g/cc wherein the fourth poly(ethylene) comprises about 30% of the third film layer;

wherein the first layer has a thickness of about 0.15 mils, the second layer has a thickness of about 0.90 mils, and the third layer has a thickness of about 0.45 mils and further wherein the film structure has a total thickness of about 1.5 mils; and

wherein said first layer is laminated to a film wherein said film comprises a polymeric material selected from the group consisting of oriented PET, oriented polypropylene, oriented polyethylene, oriented nylon, and coated or uncoated cellophane.

Please cancel claims 13, 15-17, 30-31, 33 and 34.

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2001. In the Office Action, claim 1 was objected to because of an informality. Further, claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. In addition, claims 12-14 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Further, claims 1, 9-15, 17, 21, 23 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bader et al. Still further, claims 1-7, 9-23, 29 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kudo et al. In addition, claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over DiPoto et al. Finally, claims 8, 24-28, 30 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kudo et al.